



Charter Review Commission

April 8, 2010

Minutes

6:30 PM

Call to order: Mr. Ray called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Present at this meeting tonight were William Bennett, Cal Caswell, Robert Clark, Brandon Kern, Victor Paini, William Ray, David Rinkes, Robert Toledo, Roger White, Beth Bayless and Heather Bolin. Also in attendance was Mr. Rod Davisson.

*Mr. Wildenthaler joined at 6:34pm.

MINUTES

Mr. White moved to approve the minutes from the March 18th, 2010 meeting; seconded by Mr. Bennett. A voice vote was taken and passed with all ayes.

New Items for Discussion:

Resident Comments and Suggestions – No residents spoke.

Rod Davisson of Bricker & Eckler and Mayor of the Village of Obetz

Mr. Davisson spoke about municipal contracting and how the Charter worked with regards to contracting. A copy of Obetz' recently passed Charter language with regards to contracting powers and procedures was in the packet for members. He stated that there is a process called "design build". They have written it into their charter and it recently allowed them to shave \$1 million off the cost of building a Recreation Center in Obetz. This language allows the City to hire one contractor to design & construct a project instead of many contractors for the same project. This language also allows Council to establish ways to do things greener and saves money for the Village. Mr. Davisson opened up the floor to questions and in-depth discussion ensued.

Work Groups

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Village needs a strong Mayor, a weak Mayor or a Village Administrator and how those combinations work within surrounding municipalities. Consensus among the committee members was that the Village would continue with a strong Mayor.

Discussion ensued as to what circumstances would trigger the need for a City Administrator and it was decided that a Village Administrator would not be mentioned in the Charter.

Group A – William Bennett, Calvin Caswell, Robert Clark, William Ray, Jennifer Nack
Group B – Brandon Kern, Roger White, David Rinkes, Victor Paini, Chris Chatfield
Group C - Joe Wildenthaler, Heather Bolin, Robert Toledo, Nancy Schirm Wright, Beth Bayless

Group A will review articles I, VII and XII.
Group B will review articles II and XI.
Group C will review articles IV, IX and X.

Old/New Business:

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 6:30 PM

At the next meeting, members will split into their work groups. The five department heads will be invited to attend the meeting and bring their ideas and issues to the Committee.

The following meeting will be Thursday, May 20th, 2010 at 6:30pm

Mr. Bennett moved to adjourn this meeting of the Charter Review Commission and was seconded by Mr. Paini. Motion passed with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm